

Unemployment Rate *LOWEST since 2009...*

BUT STILL MORE WORK TO DO

One of my top priorities for this legislative session includes creating more high-quality jobs and protecting small businesses. Here's how:

- Expand the definition of a 'small business' from 50 to 100 employees to make thousands of additional Connecticut businesses eligible for loans and assistance;
- Provide help to post-9/11 combat veterans returning from overseas find work by expanding grants to small businesses who train our soldiers for new careers; and,
- Strengthen local manufacturing by creating a "Connecticut Made" campaign.

Programs that could benefit you or someone you know:

- **Job Expansion Tax Credits** for small businesses
- **Small Business Express Package** to get funding for your small business

Learn more at www.senatedems.ct.gov/GrowJobs
and www.decd.org.



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I recently participated in Fire Ops 101 at the City of Hartford Fire Department Training Center. This program put me and other guests into the heat of battle, responding to a structure fire, motor vehicle accident and an emergency medical incident. I appreciate the preparation offered by Hamden Firefighter Jeff Pechmann, who set up the gear and air pack and guided me through the training.

UPDATE FOR **HAMDEN**

Arts & Historic Preservation Recognition for Hamden

I'm pleased to report on two state grants awarded to the Eli Whitney Museum in Hamden. A Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund grant was awarded to the museum and a Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation Award of Merit was awarded for the Eli Whitney Barn.



Breast Cancer Screening: A Leader in the Nation

I am pleased to report that Connecticut has become a national leader in breast cancer awareness and prevention measures. Successful legislation I championed underscores our determination to protect women at risk. Actions we have taken:

- Require mammography reports to disclose breast density to patients.
- Require health insurance companies to provide coverage for follow-up ultrasound screening—a procedure that can reveal cancers that go undetected by a mammogram.
- Require health insurance companies to provide coverage for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of a woman's breast(s) in accordance with guidelines of the American Cancer Society.

But women who pursue a follow-up ultrasound screening may find that the out-of-pocket expenses involved can make such necessary screening cost prohibitive. That is why I proposed legislation, which passed in the Senate, that:

- Prohibits insurance companies from imposing a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expenses for ultrasound screening.